

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9099–S9154

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2792–2796, and S. Con. Res. 136. **Page S9130**

Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9108–20**

Adopted:

Murray Amendment No. 3621, to set aside an amount for a pilot project to test interoperable communications between the first Northern Border Air Wing, Bellingham, Washington, and local law enforcement personnel. **Page S9117**

Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3585, to require the development of a transportation security plan. **Pages S9119–20**

Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3602, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to report to Congress on goods purchased by the Department of Homeland Security that were manufactured outside of the United States. **Pages S9119–20**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 3620, to clarify the prohibition on contracting with foreign incorporated entities. **Pages S9119–20**

Rejected:

Schumer Further Modified Amendment No. 3615, to appropriate \$70,000,000 to support efforts for identification and tracking for shipments of hazardous materials and continue and expand upon the background check system for commercial driver licenses with a HAZMAT endorsement, and to offset this appropriation with a corresponding reduction from the Human Resources Account of the Office of the Under Secretary of Management. (By 55 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 173), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9108, S9112, S9113–16**

Withdrawn:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3625, to maintain the State Homeland Security Grant Program at the fiscal year 2004 funding level. **Page S9110**

Pending:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3607, to provide funds for the American Red Cross. **Page S9108**

Corzine Amendment No. 3619, to appropriate an additional \$100,000,000 to enhance the security of chemical plants. **Page S9108**

Mikulski Amendment No. 3624, to increase the amount appropriated for firefighter assistance grants. **Pages S9108–10**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3626, to require the President to provide to Congress a copy of the Scowcroft Commission report on improving the capabilities of the United States intelligence community. **Pages S9110–12**

Dayton Amendment No. 3629, to ensure the continuation of benefits for certain individuals providing security services for Federal buildings. **Pages S9117–19**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 174), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3617, to ensure that the Coast Guard has sufficient resources for its traditional core missions. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S9108, S9116–17**

Cochran (for Frist) Amendment No. 3618, to make available to the Department of Homeland Security additional funds for certain customs and border protection, immigration, transportation security, and emergency management programs, previously agreed to on Friday, September 10, 2004, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S9119**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2004. **Page S9144**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Second Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Barbados (Treaty Doc. No. 108–26).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeta D. Bansal of Nebraska, for a term of two years (May 15, 2004–May 14, 2006). Page S9144

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

John E. Sununu, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Department of State, and Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Robert Jepson, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on December 9, 2003.

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Executive Communications:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—174)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9144–45.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring the U.S. intelligence community supports homeland defense and departmental needs, focusing on intelligence and information sharing, building international partnerships, border and transportation security, civil liberties and privacy issues, and preparedness, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

TOOLS TO FIGHT TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the provisions of S. 2679, to strengthen anti-terrorism investigative tools, promote information sharing, and punish terrorist offenses (pending on Senate Calendar), after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, and Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; and Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.